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Honorable Leslie Byrne
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Dear Congresswoman Byrne:

This is in reply to your letter of February 22, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning

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Mr. Alfred Sikes
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Dear Mr. Sikes:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a matter of interest to me regarding the Federal Communications Commission Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235). As you are aware, the frequencies in question are in the 72-76 MHz band. This matter is of particular interest to me because many of my Virginia constituents are heavily involved in Radio Controlled Model Aircraft. I am concerned that the proposed rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model aircraft use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

The band in question is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, frequencies used by Radio Controlled Model Aircraft are far enough apart from the private land mobile dispatch frequencies that they have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

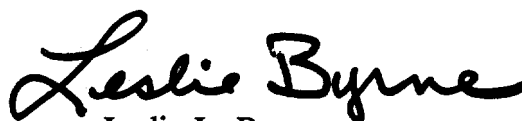
The new FCC proposal would create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into more narrow bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations.

Many of the safety precautions used by Radio Controlled Model Aircraft users involve the careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies. If the number of frequencies available for use by model aircraft users is diminished, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly reduced.

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Please know that I am mindful of the difficult decisions you will be facing in regard to this matter. As you undertake this task, keep in mind that I will be supportive of any effort that will address the above raised concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leslie L. Byrne
Member of Congress

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